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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 6/27/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that neither Amada nor Kawamura, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the limitation "mixedly recording said first video data, said first audio data and said low-rate data."

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Components 31 and 32 Figure 7 of Amada shows digital video and audio signals, which are equivalent to the low-rate data, are recorded in the recording medium. Component 52 of Figure 7 enables the user to record the video and audio signals in HD mode. The transmission bit rate of the video and audio signals, which are equivalent to the first video and audio data, in HD mode is twice the transmission bit rate of the video and audio signals as further clarified by column 15, line 55 to column 16, line 19. The HD signals and SD signals are recorded on the same recording medium. Therefore, Amada teaches the limitation "mixedly recording said first video data, said first audio data and said low-rate data."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHI CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (571)-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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